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October Meeting Review

The "50 Guns That Won The West" Presentation

We sincerely wish to thank Phil Schreier and the entire NRA organization for providing a terrific series of presentations during this past year culminating in Phil Spangenberg's excellent and very enjoyable presentation "50 Guns that Won the West" during our last meeting.



Youth Shooting

Lee Turner was presented with a plaque acknowledging his extensive efforts toward supporting and running the 4H youth program.

Show & Tell

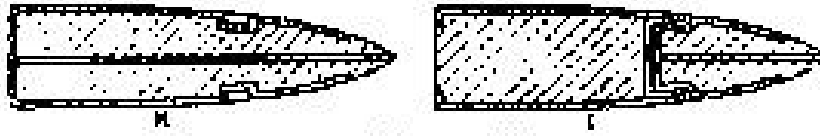
We've decided to revive this section of the newsletter when space permits. Our members have consistently managed to produce many excellent firearms at our meetings and they deserve mention. The following members presented items at the October meetings' Show & Tell ?? **Kevin & Jordan Schneider** presented a nice example of a Colt 1860 Army revolver, which was included in Phil Spangenberg's "50 guns that won the west".

- ?? **Ernie Lyles** presented two Colts. One a SAA in 45 Colt produced in 1877 and a second SAA in 44/40 produced in 1894 with original ivory grips. Both were in fine condition and were also among Phils' top 50 guns that won the west.
- ?? **Hal Prucha** presented an intriguing and apparently very uncommon United Firearms Company revolver in 44 RF/CF.
- ?? **Ed Costello and Jack Looney** exhibited a strange and rather interesting Federal Ordnance "38 mm Gas Gun", complete with a selection of flare, tear gas, and flechette ammunition.
- ?? **Larry Hare** presented two early, 1880's double barrel hammer shotguns. The number 1 gun that "Won the West according the Phil Spangberger. One was a Parker "Lifter" 12 gauge and the other was a WH Baker trigger latch 10 gauge shotgun, the immediate predecessor to the LC Smith line of shotguns.

Research Materiel Request: Charles Newton Rifles/Ammunition

Bob Sears (with some assistance from Larry Hare) will do a presentation on Charles Newton, the father of Hi-Velocity at the December Meeting. Anyone with any Newton rifles and any other Newton related paraphernalia are strongly encouraged to contribute.

THE NEWTON "BEARCAT" BULLETS



Annual Dues

A reminder to all annual VGCA members: Annual dues are due this January with the exception of those newest members that joined after our last September show. You needn't to wait for the renewal mailing. Larry Hare will be quite happy to accept and record you dues payments in person, or via mail prior to the January mailing and this will also save the VGCA a bit of postage. You might also consider a lifetime membership – probably the best bargain in any gun related activity available today!

Upcoming Elections

The three VGCA executive committee seats are open for nominations. Emory Hackman Esq. will gladly accept any nominations for these positions, which will be voted on during our regular January meeting. We strongly encourage any and all to seriously consider volunteering for these positions. We don't want to become inbred, so don't be shy now.



November/December Meeting—Thursday December 2 at 7 PM.

We **combine** these two months' meetings to avoid interference with the Holidays and the various hunting seasons. It will be a mini gun show—with little or no business meeting and possibly Bob Sears will do his presentation on Charles Newton. Lots of food – as always.



Weather Watch—After the November/December meeting, we all need to be aware of weather concerns for the meetings in Jan and Feb 2005. During adverse weather events, check the VGCA.ORG web page for the flashing weather cloud. If flashing, open it and read. If we have to cancel at the last minute, the information will be in the flashing cloud. And of course, if conditions are bad at your location, use your own judgment! The rescheduled date will be listed in the “cloud”. The weather is something we cannot control and it changes so quickly that this “cloud” has to be our information source to members.

As Always - MAKE SURE ALL FIREARMS ARE TIED.....!